

***Delaware Health Resources Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:30 PM
Delaware Technical Community College (Deltech Terry Campus)
Corporate Training Center Conference Rooms 400 A&B
100 Campus Drive
Dover, Delaware 19901***

Board Members Present: Chair Brett Fallon, Dennis Klima, Ted Becker, Mark Thompson, Yrene Waldron, John Walsh, Edwin Barlow

Board Members Absent: Lynn Fahey, Leighann Hinkle, Vincent Lobo, D.O., Julia O'Hanlon, Carolyn Morris and Michael Hackendorn

Staff Present: Latoya Wright, Elisabeth Scheneman and Joanna Suder

Call to Order and Welcome:

The Chair welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

There was not a quorum at the meeting unexpectedly. Therefore, no action items on the agenda were addressed. It was mentioned that Cadia Healthcare Pike Creek, a subacute nursing facility submitted a Notice of Intent on January 24, 2019 for the purpose of adding 52 beds to their facility. The anticipated date for filing the application is in February 2019. The Health Resources Board (HRB) listened to presentations from Bayhealth and Beebe Healthcare regarding their Certificate of Public Review applications for Freestanding Emergency Departments both in Sussex County.

Bayhealth Freestanding Emergency Department Presentation

It was stated that Bayhealth submitted an application on December 28, 2018 to construct a freestanding emergency department along the Lewes Georgetown Highway (Route 9) in the city of Milton DE. The application was deemed complete on January 14, 2019. The capital expenditure is approximately \$16.5 million. The public notice was sent out on January 16, 2019. There was a request for a public hearing for this application. The review period for this application is 120 days from the date of public notice.

Representatives from Bayhealth presented their proposal to the Board members. The presentation provided an overview of their request to build a new freestanding emergency department (FED) along the Lewes Georgetown Highway. Bayhealth listed the following benefits in their presentation for their new FED:

- Improves Access to Area Residents
- Improves Access for Elderly Drivers
- Improves Access for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Improved Access to Inpatient Care
 - Travel Route 30 to Bayhealth, Sussex Campus
- Improves Access to Value-Based Services

- Complements Bayhealth's Expansion of Primary Care and Physician Specialists

Bayhealth's full Freestanding Emergency Department presentation can be found on the Delaware Health Resource's Board's website at the following link:

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/hrb/dhrbhome.html> , and clicking on Meeting Presentations.

Beebe Healthcare Freestanding Emergency Department Presentation

It was stated that Beebe submitted an application on January 8, 2019 to construct a freestanding emergency department in Georgetown, DE. The application was deemed complete on January 14, 2019. The capital expenditure is approximately \$20-\$23.7 million. The public notice was sent out on January 16, 2019. As of now, there has not been a request for a public hearing. The deadline to request a public hearing is January 28, 2019.

Representatives from Beebe presented their proposal to the Board members. The presentation provided an overview of their request to build a new freestanding emergency department (FED) in Georgetown, DE. Beebe listed the following goals/ benefits in their presentation for the new their new FED:

- Improve timely access to diagnosis and treatment for those experiencing medical emergencies.
- Improve access to needed healthcare services for residents in central Sussex County.
- Provide safety net health services for a low income and high need population.
- Travel time from Georgetown to existing EDs can range from 20 to 30 minutes, up to 50 minutes during peak travel times.
- Presently there are no emergency medicine departments located in the center of the county.
- Roadway improvements have not kept pace with population growth in Sussex County, especially east west routes

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Staff will follow up with Board members for volunteers to serve on the Review Committees to begin the review process on both proposals.

It was stated that because there was not a quorum at the meeting, the action items to include the November 2018 meeting minutes and the Certificate of Public Review progress updates from facilities that were approved last year in 2018 by the Board, would be deferred until the February meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 28, 2019

Guests Attended

John Van Gorp
Warren Burke
Carol Forrest
Rick Schaffer
Alex Syndor
Stacy Massaconi
Craig Hochstein
Kim Gomes
Paul
Terry Murphy
Lauren Becher
Kristy Hull
Jennifer Anderson
Meg Williams
Deb Hamilton

Bayhealth
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Christiana Care
Delaware Surgery Center
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Delaware Healthcare Association
HGP